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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

Applicants thank Examiner Lang for her time in conducting a telephone interview on January 12, 2009. During the telephone interview, Applicants' representative Jennifer Bush and Examiner Lang discussed the currently cited reference Vaska (2008/0045946) and previously cited Vaska reference (6,237,605). Applicants' representative Bush questioned why the current Vaska reference was being cited in light of arguments presented regarding the previously cited Vaska reference. Examiner Lang pointed to a paragraph present in the

currently cited Vaska that was absent from the previously cited Vaska. No agreement was reached.

Respectfully Submitted,

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